Amendments to the Specification:

On page 39 please amend the paragraph below as follows:

A first specific example is Picture Gear (trademark), which is an image viewer

and image shaping tool. This Picture Gear is described in detail on an Internet

homepage ~~with URL of http://vaio.sony.co.jp/software/PictureGear/index.html~~. In summary, this

Picture Gear is software which enables central management of static

and dynamic images in a hard disk and various removable media such as a floppy disk,

MO, PC card and other card-type memory media. The images can be displayed in a

list by predetermined operation and the user can visually recognize a target image at

a glance. As image shaping, a 360-degree panorama and a label with a photograph can

be prepared. Moreover, this software supports preparation of an HTML album which

enables viewing of images on the WWW browser.

On page 40 please amend the paragraph below as follows:

A second specific example is Navin' You (trademark), which is a map display

tool for the current position using the GPS. This Navin' You is described in detail on

an Internet homepage ~~with URL of http://viao.sony.co.jp/software/NavinYou/top.html~~. In

summary, this Navin' You is software which enables operation of a visually realistic

map with perspective representation such that intersections and indications are

approaching in accordance with the traveling, as viewed from above, in addition to a

conventional flat map display. The height of flight can be freely adjusted by

predetermined operation and the pointer can be scrolled at a high speed simply by

advancing the pointer in a desired direction. The map can be operated like flying an

airplane.

On page 41 please amend the paragraph below as follows:

A third specific example is Giga Pocket (trademark) software, which enables

recording, reproduction and management of television programs and video images

with high quality and by satisfactory operation. This Giga Pocket is described in detail

on an Internet homepage ~~with URL of http://viao.sony.co.jp/Gigapcoket/recorder.html~~.

In summary, by a "Giga video recorder" of this Giga Pocket, a television program

received by a TV tuner mounted on an MPEG2 real-time encoder board or a video

image inputted from an external input terminal of a personal computer, for example,

"vaio" (trademark), can be recorded or reproduced with high quality in conformity

with the MPEG2 system. The image is recorded onto the hard disk of the personal

computer and can be reproduced by random access. Therefore, a recorded scene can

be reproduced or another recorded file can be reproduced while continuing the

recording. The "Giga video recorder" automatically detects a large change of the

screen during the recording and saves a thumbnail screen. It has a "film roll function"

in reproduction to horizontally display the thumbnail screen for scroll synchronously

with the reproduction. By forwarding the film part and designating an arbitrary point,

reproduction can be started at the designated point. Therefore, the user can quickly

jump to a scene which the user wants to see and can efficiently enjoy the image. This

Giga Pocket is a specific example of the technique related to AV contents

recording/reproduction processing, which is disclosed in the specification and

drawings of the Japanese Patent Application No.H11-117267 by the present Applicant.